

2025-26

Annual Report



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and people together to
support and enhance public
education in Osceola County.**

About Us

Founded on the belief that every child deserves access to quality education, the Education Foundation is dedicated to enhancing and enriching the educational experience for students in Osceola County. We collaborate with educators, community leaders, and volunteers dedicated to closing gaps and creating opportunities for academic excellence and personal growth.

The Board of Directors plays a pivotal role in the Education Foundation Osceola County. Comprised of 40 dedicated and influential members from various sectors of our community, the board is the driving force behind our mission.

Our Mission

To bring resources and people together to support and enhance public education in Osceola County.

Trusted Since 1985



Strategic Plan

The Education Foundation directly supports the School District's Strategic Plan by reducing barriers to attendance and readiness, aligning community resources with curriculum needs, and advancing student achievement. Through programs that provide essential school supplies, mentoring opportunities, literacy support, career readiness, and scholarships, we work to ensure every student has the tools and opportunities needed to succeed. Together, these efforts foster engagement, build resilience, and prepare students for graduation, higher education, and the workforce.

★ **Goal 1 - Engagement**

Support District attendance and readiness. Reduce barriers to engage. Aligns resources to meet classroom needs.

★ **Goal 2 - Alignment**

Support District direct impact on student learning outcomes. Aligns resources to meet classroom need and support curriculum.

★ **Goal 3 - Community**

Support District direct impact on student learning outcomes. Build sustainable community investment, strengthen partnerships, & engagement.

★ **Goal 4 - Achievement**

Support District student achievement. Align resources to support student achievement, career readiness, graduation, and post secondary.

★ **Goal 5 - Culture**

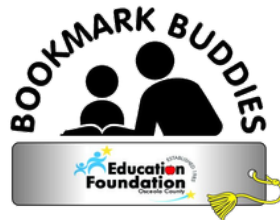
Support District in fostering sense of belonging. Align resources to support co-curricular and extra curricular activities.



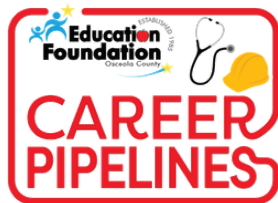
Program Impact



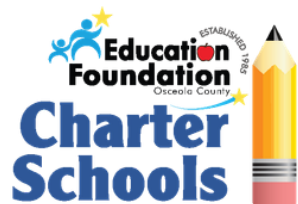
Distributed **\$2,743,219.87** in FREE school supplies directly into the hands of teachers and students



98% of students in the program passed their FAST testing to advance on to the next grade



Exposed **14,490** students to high-wage, high-demand career pathways



Provided **2,000** student stations



Awarded **574** scholarships totaling over **\$860,000** in support



6 students graduated with a Florida Pre-Paid Scholarship

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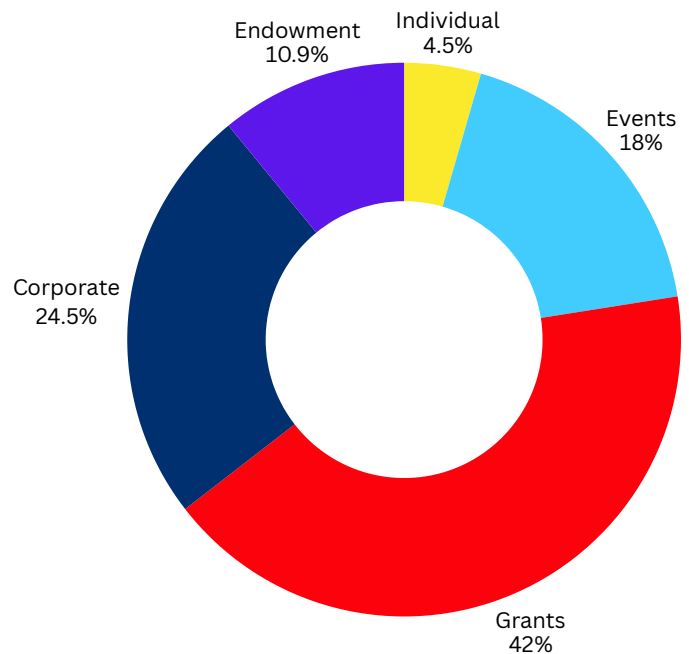
- Anthony Cook, SDOC – School Board
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★ *Denotes Executive Committee member*



Financial Snapshot

The Education Foundation Osceola County is overseen by a committed Board of Directors that ensures responsible management of all funds. Our dedicated team adheres to best practices in financial stewardship and administration. Together, we manage an annual budget of over \$2 million, directly supporting 80 schools, more than 75,000 students, and 8,000 district staff members, all made possible through the support of our community and generous donors.



Other Initiatives



★ **COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS** provided financial literacy support and scholarship application guidance to seniors through the “Got College? Got Careers?” initiative. Osceola County, previously known for having one of the lowest college-going rates in Florida, has now exceeded the state average. In the last school year, the county's students have achieved a third-place ranking in college attendance statewide.

★ **MAGIC OF READING** students unlock the joy of reading and score big with a free ticket to an Osceola Magic basketball game by reading just 15 minutes a day.

★ **ARTS EDUCATION** support for arts education is fostered through the Arts Alive program, which enriches student learning by promoting creativity and artistic expression.

★ **FREE BOOKS** New Worlds Reading Initiative provides free books directly to a qualifying student's home for the duration of the school year for K-5th grade.

Community Engagement



Annual Mission Partners



Other Affiliations

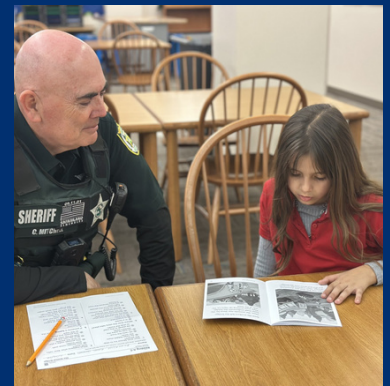
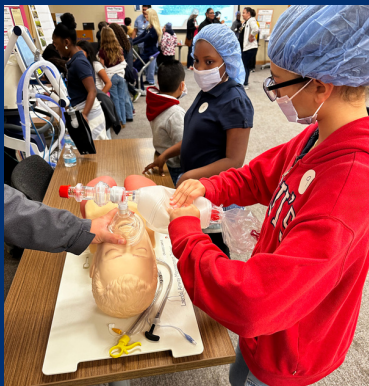


Volunteer Support



Our volunteers are the true heroes. From helping out at our events to spreading positivity and improving our community, their efforts make a big difference. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to our Board of Directors, committees, and volunteers for their exceptional contributions to our mission. Their selfless dedication shows their strong commitment to making a positive impact on both our organization and the community we serve.

4,750 VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED!





HELP US CONTINUE OUR MISSION!

Interested in making a difference in the lives
of our students in Osceola County?



**Contact us for more information on how
you can help change a life!**



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